

Fiscal TOPICS

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Forestry Management and Enhancement Fund

Purpose and History

The Forestry Management and Enhancement Fund was established in FY 2000 with the intent to provide additional funding for the salaries of the forestry employees in the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The DNR operates a State Forest Nursery that sells bareroot seedlings in quantities of 500 or more to Iowa landowners. Funding to the Forestry Management and Enhancement Fund includes 5 cents for each conifer seedling and 10 cents for each hardwood seedling sold at the State Forest Nursery. In addition to the money from sales at the State Forest Nursery, the Fund can also receive appropriations, federal funds, or funds from private sources.

The purpose of the Fund is to support the management and enhancement of forests, woodlands, and timber stands in Iowa by ensuring that there are at least 4.0 FTE positions that serve as forestry technicians in various regions around the state and 1.0 FTE position that is a professional forester located in the southwest region of Iowa.

Funding History

The amount that the DNR receives annually varies from year to year; however, the average annual amount received for the past 10 years is \$120,000.

Related Statutes

Iowa Code chapter [456A.21](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [571—71.1](#)

More Information

Iowa State Forest Nursery: <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/Forestry/StateForestNursery.aspx>

Iowa General Assembly: <http://www.legis.iowa.gov/index.aspx>

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